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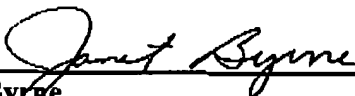
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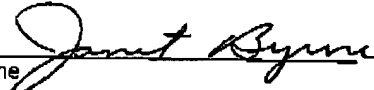
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In response to an Office Action mailed August 23, 2005 (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following arguments and amendments:

A complete listing of claims begins on page two (2) of this paper;

Arguments and remarks begin on page fifteen (15) of this paper.